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A. THIS IS A SMALL POST (FIVE AMERICANS) WITH AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF 236,000 DOLLARS. THESE FUNDS ARE USED FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COSTS AND CANNOT BE PRECISELY RELATED TO INDIVIDUAL POLICY OBJECTIVES. PURSUIT OF POLITICAL OBJECTIVES AS WELL AS SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF U. S. POLICY OBJECTIVES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER. MANAGEMENT OF OUR AIJ SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (10,000 DOLLARS) AND THE CU BUDGET (16,411 DOLLARS) IS HANDLED BY THE SECOND RANKING OFFICER - THE ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER WHO ALSO HANDLES THE POST'S LIAISON WITH THE PEACE CORPS AS WELL AS THE POST'S REGULAR ECON/COMMERCIAL WORK. CONSISTENCY WITH US POLICY OBJECTIVES IS A PRIMARY REQUIREMENT IN THESE TASKS. VISA ISSUANCE CONTINUES TO OVERLOAD OUR SINGLE CONSULAR OFFICER AND TOGETHER WITH OTHER CONSULAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TASKS ALSO TAKES UP HALF THE ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER'S TIME AS WELL. WE WILL PROBABLY NEED AN ADDITIONAL CONSULAR OFFICER BEFORE LONG.I AS FOR ALL THE VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS THE POST PERFORMS, ONE OFFICER IS BARELY ADEQUATE. THE FIFTH AMERICAN EMPLOYEE IS THE SECRETARY/COMMUNICATOR.

B. OTHER AGENCYIPROGRAMSIAND RESOURCE LEVELS. WE HAVE

A 10,000 DOLLAR SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND A 16,411 DOLLAR BUDGET FOR CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. THE AVERAGE PEACE CORPS STRENGTH IS ABOUT SIXTY VOLUNTEERS, COSTING SOME 250,000 DOLLARS.

PART III STATE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. I SEE NO WAY IN WHICH OUR PERSONNEL MIGHT USEFULLY BE REPROGRAMMED.

B. WE MAY HAVE TO ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL CONSULAR OFFICER POSITION BUT ARE WAITING TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS.

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